

The ORDINARY's Account of the Behaviour, last Dying Speech and Confession of Mr. Roger Lowen, Gent. who was Executed on Friday the 25th of October 1706, at Turnam-Green.

ON Sunday the 20th of this Instant, Preaching to the Condemn'd Prisoners in Newgate, this Text was took as suitable to the Occasion, viz. *For to be carnally minded, is Death; but to be Spiritually minded is Life and Peace.* Rom. 8 vers. 6. the which Words of the great Apostle of the Gentiles St. Paul, I branched out into these two following Divisions.

I. *Shewing the ill Consequences of Sin, in their several Degrees; how heinous it is in the sight both of God and all good Men; the Effects whereof bring not only Shame and Disgrace in this World, but incurs the Wrath of God to all Eternity: From which perpetual Punishment there is no Redemption, nor Appeal to be made, but in unexpressible Torments, all obstinate Sinners must suffer for evermore.*

II. *I set forth the Joy and Comfort of those Men, whose spiritual Mind elevated all their Thoughts towards their Maker; shewing what Peace they possess'd in this Life, without any Terror, Dread, or perplexity of suffering by the Sword of temporal Justice, and also that the Portion of the Just after Death, was Life everlasting with God the Fountain of all Goodness, in whom all Creatures both live, and move, and have their Being.*

Having thus explained the Words of my Text, the Application was directed to the condemn'd Prisoners, but in a more especial manner to Mr. Roger Lowen a German Gentleman, as being the greatest Criminal, in committing (in so base and barbarous a manner as he did) that most crying Sin of Murder, so expressly forbid by God, as being a contemptuous defacing of his sacred Image and Likeness; and withal (as being no Digression from the Text, was set forth the Heinousness of his Crime, so obnoxious to Mankind, that whoever shed's Blood, by Man shall his Blood be shed.

Indeed Mr. Lowen seemed very devout, and gave great Attention to my Sermon; and all the time he lay under Condemnation constantly visiting him twice or thrice a Day, he was earnestly exhorted to reflect on the Miscarriages of his Life past, but in a more particular manner to consider for what he was now justly condemn'd to die for, whereby it might bring him to a due sense of his wretched Condition, of which through my good Advice and the wholesom Admonitions of several other Divines of his own Countrey he was united to take into his most serious Consideration the wickedness of his Crime, and by the observation of some about him, that took notice of his Be-

haviour in more private Recesses, it was took notice of that he was frequently at his Devotion, not only asking of God Forgiveness for all the past Miscarriages of his Life, but most heartily and sincerely to implore Mercy for the most horrid and barbarous Murder of Killing Mr. Lloyd in cold Blood; insomuch his Behaviour since his Misfortune seems so penitent, that we have great Reason to believe him a good Convert.

At length the Dead Warrant being brought to Newgate, he was on Friday the 25th of this instant October, convey'd in a Mourning Coach to Turnam-Green, the Place of Execution, being appointed to die before his own Door; where when he was arrived, stepping out of the Coach into a Cart, he address'd himself to the Spectators (who were very numerous) as follows.

Gentlemen and others, I am this Day come to make an attonement for my unhappy Crime of Killing Mr. Lloyd, which I own to be a most horrid, barbarous, and base Action, and for which I acknowledge I deserve to Die; 'Tis true I have been a great Sinner in several Respects, but never was before guilty of shedding Innocent Blood, of which Crime I am conscious of its Heinousness both to God and Man, whereby with holy David I have Sorrow and Affliction enough to make me cry out, From Blood Guiltiness O Lord deliver me, and now Condemn'd justly to suffer a temporal Punishment for the same, having a few Minutes to live, I have no other Hopes left me of Salvation, but the intercession of my blessed Saviour, through whose Merits I hope to be saved, being really sorry and sincerely repent of my Sins. Furthermore, I Die in perfect Charity with all Mankind, and now heartily begging Pardon of the Wife of the Deceased, I recommend my self into the Hands of the Almighty for receiving me into the Arms of Mercy.

This being the summ of Mr. Lowen's Speech, who the last Sessions received Sentence of Death, for inhumanly Murthering in his own House at Turnam-Green, Mr. Lloyd, Gent. whom he had invited to Dinner; we joyned in Prayer about half an Hour, then Singing a Penitential Psalm, he had some time allowed him for his more private Devotion, Praying most ardently to himself for near a quarter of an Hour, then the Cart drawing away, he utter'd these Ejaculations; O Lord have Mercy upon a miserable Sinner! Sweet Jesus leave me not in Distress at this my last Hour!

This is all the Account, which I can give of this dying Person.

PAUL LORRANE, Ordinary!
Friday, October
the 25th 1706.